

WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE MERIT COMMISSION
MINUTES
March 13, 2006

The West Lafayette Police Merit Commission met in regular session at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers at City Hall on March 13, 2006. In compliance with the Indiana Open Door Law, notice of this regular meeting was sent to the press and copies of the meeting agenda and unapproved minutes of the March 3, 2006 Special Meeting were available at a table adjacent to the entrance to the Council Chambers.

Police Merit Commission Vice President Corrigan called the meeting to order and presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

PRESENT: Commissioners Don Corrigan, Sandra Dye, Larry Leverenz, and Joel Weber.

ABSENT: Commissioner John Polles.

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Marvin and one other member of the West Lafayette Police Department, Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes, two members of the public, and three members of the press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Leverenz's motion that the minutes of the March 3, 2006 Special Meeting be approved as distributed was unanimously adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

A. HIRING OF LEGAL COUNSEL: Commission Vice President Corrigan reported that an e-mail request for qualifications for legal counsel had been forwarded to the Tippecanoe County Bar Association e-mail list on Monday, March 6. Attorneys interested in serving as Commission counsel were asked to respond to Commission President John Polles by Monday, March 20, 2006. The Commission will wait until the deadline for the results of the request.

NEW BUSINESS

A. HIRING OF NEW OFFICER: Commission Vice President Corrigan reported that the name of the highest scoring applicant on the eligibility list had been forwarded to Chief Marvin. Chief Marvin reported that a background investigation was in progress.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

A. Commissioner Weber moved adoption of a resolution which, after debate, failed as the vote was 2 to 2. The motion was as follows:

“An Amendment to West Lafayette Police Merit Commission Rules and Regulations, Article I, Section D. Maintenance of Records:

Add new paragraph

(6) Competitive Promotional Examination Materials. All competitive promotional examination materials will be maintained by the Human Resources Director in the Office of Human Resources. Competitive promotional examination materials include, but are not limited to:

- the computer program required to generate the examination
- the CD containing the database of questions
- study guide materials
- sign up sheets to take the examination, with the location and time of examination clearly stated
- completed non-disclosure statements for all individuals taking the examination
- all completed examinations
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Members seeking promotion will sign up for the examination in the Human Resources Office. Study guide materials may be loaned to individuals who sign up for the examination. All other examination materials are to be considered confidential materials and maintained in locked storage. Commission members are authorized access to examination materials in the course of their duties. If others require access to examination materials, the Commission must first authorize such access in writing before access is granted.

Completed examinations will be retained as specified in Section V.D.(7) of these Rules and Regulations.”

B. After discussion, it was agreed that a demonstration by Professor Jessica Foster, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychological Sciences, Purdue University, of the computer program that generates the promotional examinations was needed. It was further agreed that Human Resources Director Diane Foster should be available to answer questions from the Commission. An Executive Session will be held at 6:30 pm on Monday, April 10, prior to the next Regular Meeting, to gather information.

C. Commission Vice President Corrigan read a prepared statement expressing his shock and appall with Mayor Mills’ guest column in the Friday, March 10, 2006 *Journal and Courier*. He highlighted comments found in the article that disturbed him. He stated he was offended by the article which he took as a personal insult and invited the Mayor to meet with the Commission.

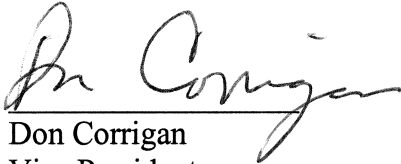
D. Commissioner Dye expressed the wish that Commissioner Corrigan had forewarned other Commission members that he planned to respond to Mayor Mills’ column at the Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

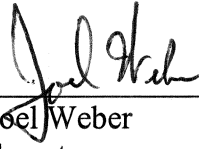
None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.



Don Corrigan
Vice President



Joel Weber
Secretary

WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE MERIT COMMISSION
Meeting Agenda, 13 March 2006
7:30 P.M., Council Chambers, City Hall

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Approval of Minutes for Meeting on 3 March 2006

Old Business

Hiring of Legal Counsel (Commissioner Corrigan)

New Business

Maintaining and use of the list of new officer candidates (Commissioner Weber)

Items from the Floor

Public Comments

Adjournment